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REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 17-23, 27-29, 34-42, 45-47, 50-54, 59-64, and 66 are pending in the subject application. Claim 1, 37, 50, and 64 have been amended and claim 65 has been cancelled. Applicants expressly reserve their right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this or a co-pending application. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 37, and 50 can be found at page 12, lines 15-20 of the specification. Support for the amendment to claim 64 may be found throughout the specification, see, for example, page 15, lines 22-25. No new matter has been introduced by the instant amendments.

Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Claim 64 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 64 and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 65 has been cancelled without prejudice and claim 64 has been amended. Claim 64, as amended, is fully compliant with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, including the requirements of §112, first and second paragraph.

Applicants request withdrawal of the §112 rejections and reconsideration of the claims.

Claims 1-13, 17-22, 37-42, 45-47, 50-53 and 60-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Peters '158.

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As the reference is understood, Peters teaches the polymerization of a telechelic polyisobutylene having a weight average molecular weight of from 5,000 to 30,000 with one or more comonomers such as diols, dicarboxylic acid derivatives (such as monomers having two acid chloride residues), or carbonyl precursors (such as phosgene and the like).

Peters neither teaches nor discloses the polyester resins of the present invention. That is, Peters neither teaches nor discloses resins having polyester resins having both polyester blocks and low polarity blocks present in the resin. Moreover, Peters does not teach polyester resins having at least one low polarity polymeric block is selected from the group of: saturated and unsaturated telechelic polyolefins having a weight average molecular weight of between 500 and 4500, fluorine substituted telechelic oligomers and polymers, functionally terminated ABA block copolymers of polyalkyleneoxide (A) and alkyl and aromatic substituted polysiloxanes (B), and blends thereof.

In contrast, the present invention provides adhesive compositions, methods of making same, and methods of improving adhesion, in which the copolyester polymer chain has incorporated therein a low polarity telechelic oligomeric block segment selected from saturated and unsaturated telechelic polyolefins having a weight average molecular weight of between 500 and 4500, fluorine substituted telechelic oligomers and polymers, functionally terminated ABA block copolymers of polyalkyleneoxide (A) and alkyl and aromatic substituted polysiloxanes (B), and blends thereof.

Thus claims 1, 37 and 50 are patentable over Peters. Claims 2-13, 17-22, 38-42, 45-47, 51-53 and 60-64 are dependent from one of claims 1, 37, or 50 and are therefore also patentable over Peters.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13, 17-23, 27-29, 34-47, 50-55 and 59-63 is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing discussion. This case is believed to be in

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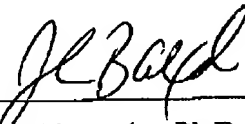
condition for immediate allowance. Applicant respectfully requests early consideration and allowance of the subject application.

If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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